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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER The dry weather continues. Minute amounts of precipitation fell on several days but no place reported a total of more than .17 inch of moisture, and most sites had only a trace.

It was warm in the Panhandle with temperatures averaging from four to six degrees above normal. It was cool elsewhere with temperatures averaging about three to six degrees below normal.

CROPS Wheat fields are slowly greening. Surface soil moisture is critically low in most areas and precipitation is needed for plant growth. Strong winds at mid-week caused some locally blowing dust and soil erosion. Pastures and alfalfa are slow starting caused by some cold temperatures and lack of soil moisture. A few farmers have started irrigating alfalfa fields. Light showers occurred over the week end in the southeast giving a little help locally from dry conditions.

Field work is underway in most areas. Tillage operations are being accomplished with only limited reports of frost in the ground. Seeding of spring crops is quite limited. Sugar beet planting has started in the Scottsbluff and Gering districts. Fertilizer was applied to many fields prior to tillage. Other work consisted of livestock care, machinery repair, and getting irrigation equipment ready for the growing season.

Pasture and range feed conditions declined with the feed becoming dry and brittle.

Almost all days last week were favorable for work. Changeable temperatures and scattered light precipitation have caused farmers to vary their day-to-day work operations.

LIVESTOCK Livestock condition is good. Cold temperatures and some locally freezing precipitation caused stress to newborn livestock. Calving, lambing and farrowing operations are progressing at a normal rate with only minor losses of newborn being reported.

Inshipments of cattle during February amounted to 92,000. This was up 5 percent from the 88,000 shipped into the State during February last year. Sheep and lamb inshipments of 13,000 during February were up considerably from last year's inshipment of 8,000.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 19, 1967

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	T	Burwell	.01	Chadron	.09
Lincoln	T	North Platte	T	Imperial	T
Norfolk	.02	Valentine	.10	Scottsbluff	.17
Omaha	.05			Sidney	.06
Sioux City	.05				

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	March		14th		15th		16th		17th		18th		19th	
	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
Chadron	58	22	24	3	50	31	41	18	33	25	62	38	58	33
Scottsbluff	64	22	33	19	54	22	58	19	45	28	62	28	59	31
Sidney	64	24	30	17	49	23	61	16	38	22	49	18	58	30
Burwell	38	27	36	13	42	22	51	16	24	19	40	25	49	25
Valentine	43	26	26	0	37	28	35	15	26	19	48	25	50	33
Norfolk	32	28	36	17	35	24	49	15	30	18	40	29	41	31
Sioux City	34	25	37	20	36	19	47	12	31	15	43	29	40	33
Grand Island	37	29	41	18	39	22	57	19	24	21	42	29	45	30
Lincoln	42	27	39	21	39	25	57	17	27	18	40	31	39	34
Omaha	37	24	37	22	38	24	57	14	31	16	41	30	37	34
Imperial	43	28	31	22	41	22	64	18	35	19	40	22	55	32
North Platte	38	29	33	17	34	--	58	16	27	20	45	19	49	30

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